

REPORTS
OF THE SELECTMEN AND SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL
COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF HILL FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1864.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen of the town of Hill for the year 1863
charge themselves with the following items, viz:

Cash received as follows:

Of Albert Blake, Treasurer for 1862,	\$68 38
Purmilla Cole, note given,	200 00
John H. Follansby, note given,	250 00
County of Grafton,	210 23
Literary fund,	58 59
State Treasurer, for relief of families,	1.251 20
Samuel Brown, note given,	100 00
George W. Davis, note given,	100 00
Moses Bartlett, note given,	100 00
Philia H. Nichols, note given,	250 00
Joseph Nichols, note given,	320 00
Geo. A. Kettell, note given,	2.500 00
Nason W. Cass, note given,	700 00
State Treasurer, for bounties,	486 00
James Simons, note given,	100 00
Nancy Fowler, note given,	200 00
Town of Gilford,	89 12
State Treasurer, railroad tax,	125 08
Alfred Davis, note given,	100 00
Moses Dustin, note given,	324 07
Joseph Prescott, note given,	200 00
Carr Huse, note given,	150 00
Taxes committed to the collector,	3.107 59

\$10.990 26

Which is accounted for as follows:

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS PRIOR TO MARCH, 1863.

Paid as follows:

Albert Blake, services as Treasurer for 1862,	\$36 24
John K. Flanders, support of Sarah Follansbee,	14 35
T. W. Sawyer, for Mary Sawyer,	24 00
Jeremiah Carleton, for Timothy Carleton,	6 34
Peter S. Braley, for Sally Noyes,	12 00
Morrill Dickerson, for John Cole and wife,	6 22

Isaac K. George, lumber and work on road, 5 14

\$104 29

Town Expenses for 1863.

Paid as follows:

Fogg, Hadley & Co., for printing reports,	\$16 00
G. P. Lyon, for books,	7 43
N. D. Gorman, for certificate,	1 00
Milton Mason, for services,	1 00
John L. Mead, for services,	1 00
Carr Huse, services as Selectman and cash paid out,	71 47
J. R. Rowell, services as Selectman and cash paid out,	93 20
John Peaslee, services as Selectman and cash paid out,	15 75
Moses F. Little, services as Town Clerk,	22 82
A. D. Caswell, for collecting in 1863,	64 25
R. Fellows, Superintending School Committee,	12 75
M. P. Favor, Superintending School Committee,	18 25
James Hazelton, for exchanging money,	12 08
G. A. Boynton, for cleaning Town House,	2 00
For copy of non-resident tax,	1 00

\$340 00

Support of the Poor.

Paid as follows:

N. H. Assylum, for support of Samuel Rano,	\$62 95
John K. Flanders, for support of Sarah Follansbee,	35 60
John L. Mead, for coffin for Sarah Follansbee,	4 50
Mrs. R. S. Hastings, robe for Sarah Follansbee,	2 18
Jonathan Roberts, for support of Mary Sawyer,	52 00
S. S. Straw, for support of Rachel Stevens,	6 50
Haven Parker, for support of Rachel Stevens,	4 86
Huse & Blake, for goods for Rachel Stevens,	55 29
Moses F. Little, for goods for Rachel Stevens,	2 89
A. A. Marden, rent of house for Rachel Stevens,	12 00
Milton Mason, for support of Lydia Mowe,	51 50
H. S. Esterbrooks, for Lydia Mowe,	37 50
Fitch & Underhill, medicine for Lydia Mowe,	4 80
Moses Favor, for support of Samuel Favor,	80 00
Morrill Dickerman, for support of M. and E. Rano,	75 00
Huse & Blake, for goods for Wm. Stewart,	49 20
J. R. Rowell, for goods for Wm. Stewart,	1 40
Joel Conner, for support of H. D. Piper,	5 00
Jennie C. Barttett, for H. D. Piper,	3 00

E. J. Mason, for H. D. Piper,	1 00
M. W. Sargent, for H. D. Piper,	54 00
M. W. Sargent, for Jane Currier,	9 38
Alfred Davis, for Jane Currier,	12 00
John Tucker, for Jane Currier,	1 00
Town of Newton, for Jane Currier,	14 00
Town of Sanbornton, for support of Jacob Tenney,	43 06
City of Concord, for support of J. G. Heath,	67 85
P. G. Carleton, for support of Timothy Carleton,	53 33
J. P. Colby, for support of John Cole and wife,	102 00
Gardner Evans, liquors for poor,	16 01
Robert Morrill, for R. Stevens,	2 25
Huse & Blake, for goods for poor, &c.,	12 16
John Twombly, for support of J. Clifford,	76 25
Dr. R. Fellows, for services as physician,	67 19
Dorcas S. Newton, boarding R. Stevens,	5 00

\$1.082 65

Roads and Bridges.

Paid as follows:

John Peaslee, lumber and work on bridge,	\$26 41
Moses Bartlett, for lumber,	24 58
J. G. Eastman, work on road,	6 75
D. R. Smith, for lumber,	10 34
H. L. Brown, for lumber,	1 14
Amos Dickerson, work on road,	5 00
M. W. Sargent, for plow,	6 00
O. E. Eastman, for lumber,	18 75
J. H. Follansbee, for lumber,	5 56
Jonathan Roberts, work on road,	50
Jacob Cass, for plank and building bridge,	7 17
David Clough, land damage,	20 00

\$132 20

Paid on Notes.

Paid James F. Marshall,	\$25 00
James Simons,	100 20
Amelia Greeley,	292 70
Samuel Wells,	185 40
H. P. Eaton,	451 04
P. H. Hickey,	105 25
Moses Dustin,	324 07
John H. Follansbee,	254 90

Geo. A. Kettell,	2,514 42
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\$4,252 98

Bounty to Volunteers.

Paid James Simons,	\$150 00
John Madden,	460 00
Geo. W. Riddle,	1,148 00
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	1,748 00

Families of Volunteers.

Paid as follows:

Mrs. Moses E. Southworth,	\$156 00
George Twombly,	141 60
A. J. Small,	153 60
E. B. Cilley,	121 20
Calvin Golden,	8 00
Calvin Golden,	48 00
Mrs. P. H. Hickey,	105 60
Sally A. Sanborn,	9 60
Joseph Young,	62 40
W. H. Straw,	125 60
John Twombly,	90 60
Mary Davis,	34 80
Mary A. Twombly,	40 00
S. S. Dunham,	40 00
A. H. Quimby,	80 00
E. D. Clark,	4 00
James Tenney,	61 00
John Twombly,	24 00
Joseph Young,	48 00
Elijah Ballou,	36 00

\$1,390 00

Paid the several School Districts.

Paid School District No. 1,	\$110 58
2,	26 44
3,	47 36
4,	51 84
5,	46 91
6,	44 94
7,	27 47
8,	30 87

9,	30 78
10,	36 75

\$453 94

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid State Tax,	\$521 10
County Tax,	361 16
Non-resident highway tax, worked out,	3 72
Abatement of Taxes,	64 15

Recapitulation.

Amount of money received by Treasurer, \$10,990 26

Which is accounted for as follows :

State Tax,	\$521 10
County Tax,	361 16
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	3 72
School Districts,	453 94
Outstanding Claims,	104 29
Town Expenses,	340 00
Support of the Poor,	1.082 65
Roads and Bridges,	132 20
Paid on Notes,	4.252 98
Bounty to Volunteers,	1.748 00
Families of Volunteers,	1.390 00
Abatement of Taxes,	64 15
Due from the Collector,	51 56
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	484 51

\$10.990 26

Respectfully submitted,

CARR HUSE,

J. R. ROWELL,

JOHN PEASLEE.

} *Selectmen*
 } *of*
 } *Hill.*

The undersigned has carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

M. F. LITTLE, *Auditor.*

Outstanding Claims against the Town.

Due on notes as follows :

Sarah A. Quimby,	\$188 53
Dimond Shaw,	300 67
M. J. Morrill,	394 09

Watson Dickerson,	118 93
S. M. Currier,	378 65
Polly F. Hersey,	114 79
Ruth Bartlett,	37 15
Amos Dickerson,	118 99
Edward Colby,	244 14
S. W. Bartlett,	122 67
Franklin Moseley,	2.183 60
L. H. Parker,	190 90
J. F. Marshall,	139 25
S. A. & Susan F. Clement,	24 71
Moses Bartlett,	319 36
Susan C. Emerson,	217 56
Charles B. Dimond,	197 30
James G. Dimond,	81 09
Frank W. Eaton,	432 48
Purmilla Cole,	209 50
Samuel Brown,	103 50
Geo. W. Davis,	103 00
Philia. H. Nichols,	253 50
Joseph Nichols,	325 20
Nason W. Cass,	705 00
Nancy Fowler,	201 00
Alfred Davis,	100 00
Moses Dustin,	324 07
Joseph Prescott,	200 00
Carr Huse,	150 00

\$8.379 63

Due the Town.

Liquors on hand estimated at,	\$130 00
Available means in real estate,	50 00
Due from Jeremiah Flanders,	9 68
Taxes due for 1860-1,	18 79
From the County of Grafton,	187 07
From the State,	1.133 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	484 51
Due from Collector for 1863,	51 56
Due from United States for bounties,	720 00—\$2.784 51

Leaving a balance due from the town, of \$5.595 02

CARR HUSE, } *Selectmen*
J. R. ROWELL, } *of Hill.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—In regard to the character of the several schools in town during the past year, your committee would remark that there have been samples of superior schools, and likewise of very poor ones.

There are, in almost every school pupils who make perhaps extraordinary progress. This should not be considered always, as evidence of a very successful school ; from the fact that such will probably make good proficiency, whether the instruction is good or not.

There are likewise those who make but little advancement under the best instructors. Consequently such instances should not be taken as *prima facie* evidence of a poor school. In forming a correct opinion there are many things to be taken into consideration. Unless the teacher has a good share of executive ability he will certainly make a partial failure. But a very few of our teachers possess this in an eminent degree. Such have but little use for the rod or ruler ; and they need but little commendation from your committee for their labors are generally crowned with success.

During our visits to the different schools, the past year, we have, at times, thought it a little singular, how a teacher could go to the school-room and sit, day after day, with the floor covered with dirt. It is but a shallow excuse for such to say they cannot keep the room clean. Any one, with any taste for neatness, *can* keep a school-room tidy. We trust that the above hints will be sufficient. No report has been received from either school in District No. 4, or from the Winter school in No. 1. According to Pamphlet Laws, chapter 317, section 2, page 194, every teacher who fails to do this forfeits his wages. And we would advise all who cannot comply with this requirement to seek some other field of labor.

DISTRICT No. 1.—Summer Term of ten weeks taught by Miss Eliza H. Merrill, of Franklin ; a teacher of good executive ability and considerable experience. A marked change is observable in this school, due, we think, in part, to the new and commodious school-room. Whole number of pupils 49 ; average attendance, 43 ; wages per month including board, \$18.

Winter school taught by Mr. Solon F. Hill. Having failed to comply with the requirements of law, the committee are unable to report anything definite.

DISTRICT No. 2. One term of eight weeks, taught by Miss Addie H. Sargent. A school of seven scholars does not present a sphere for very extended usefulness. Still it is thought that Miss S. made it as interesting as possible ; and discharged her duties satisfactorily. Whole number of scholars, 7 ; average attendance, 5 ; wages per month, including board, \$12.

DISTRICT No. 3. Miss L. M. Campbell, teacher of Summer school. Miss Campbell's education is good, but the lack of good, wholesome order prevented that attention to study without which no school can be successful. It is earnestly hoped that experience will correct this fault. Length in weeks, 7 ; whole number of pupils, 13 ; average attendance, 11 ; wages per month, including board, \$9.

Winter school of 31 days, taught by Mr. M. P. Favor, with his usual good success. Mr. F. being well known in town as a teacher of ability and large experience, needs no commendation from us.

DISTRICT No. 4. Summer and Winter schools taught by Miss Martha Colby of Sanbornton. Miss C. is a very fair teacher; and her labors were in a measure, crowned with good success.

DISTRICT No. 5. Miss M. N. Fowler, teacher. In this school the same teacher was retained during the year. Miss F. is a teacher of experience; and her schools, in point of improvement, were excellent. And if she failed to keep so *quiet* a school as some, it was not owing either to her ability or intention. In this school was seen the best specimens of penmanship of any in town. Number of weeks in Fall term, 8; whole number of scholars, 20; wages per month, including board, \$12.

DISTRICT No. 6. Fall and Winter terms taught by Mr. M. P. Favor. It is sufficient to say that *perfect* satisfaction was given to all. Whole number of pupils in Fall Term, 27, in Winter, 23.

DISTRICT No. 7. One term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss Mary L. Parker. This school was well governed and taught. Whole number of scholars, including those from other districts, 22; average attendance of pupils living in the district, 8; wages per month, \$11.

DISTRICT No. 8. One term taught in the Fall, by Mr. C. W. Bartlett. Your committee believe this to have been one of the best schools, all things considered, that they have visited during the year. It was certainly a noble school. Whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 15; wages per month, \$12.

DISTRICT No. 9. Miss Sarah E. Symonds, teacher. A very good school indeed. Length in weeks, 8; whole number of pupils, 7; average attendance, nearly the same; wages per month, including board, \$13 20.

DISTRICT No. 10. Summer term taught by Miss Mary M. Rolfe. Winter school, Miss L. M. Campbell. Length of school, 12 weeks; whole number of scholars, in Winter, 9; average attendance, 7.

Some of our school houses are very good buildings, and answer very well the purposes for which they are used. But while we advise no unnecessary outlay, we do think that a little expenditure of money would go far towards making a few of them more comfortable in every respect. For instance, the floor of school house in District No. 5, is raised to an angle of just about 20 degrees; and we should judge that the seats have the same inclination. It is preposterous to suppose that any teacher can keep that school as quiet as it should be kept. Need we go farther and say that some of our school-rooms are defaced and mutilated, covered with fancy sketches, hideous hieroglyphics, and loathsome obscenities? How parents, who have any regard for the well-being of their children, can tolerate such a state of things, is entirely incomprehensible.

Text-books recommended:—Town and Holbrook's Progressive Series of Readers, Greenleaf's Series of Arithmetics, Colton & Fitch's Series of Geographies, Brown's Grammar, and the following Works of Quackenbos: First Lessons in English Composition, Primary History of the United States, Illustrated School History of the United States, Natural Philosophy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RUFUS FELLOWS, } *Sup. Sch Com.*
M. PROCTOR FAVOR, } *of Hill.*